

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**

**SE Area Farmstead**

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| <b>Program:</b>                        | <b>Ranking Date:</b> | <b>Application Number:</b> |
| <b>Ranking Tool:</b> SE Area Farmstead |                      | <b>Applicant:</b>          |
| <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>            |                      | <b>Address:</b>            |
| <b>Planner:</b>                        |                      | <b>Telephone:</b>          |
| <b>Farm Location:</b>                  |                      |                            |

**National Priorities Addressed**

| Issue Questions  | Responses   |
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| Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:  |   |
| 1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:   |   |
| 2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas ( <a href="http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html">http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html</a> )? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?                 | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:  |   |
| 3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:   |   |
| 4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:   |   |
| 5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:                        |   |
| 6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:  |   |
| 7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

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| 7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:  |   |
| 8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Does the applicant meet the following conditions:  |   |
| 9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

#### State Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions  | Responses   |
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| 1. Water Quality – (Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water, Harmful Levels of Nutrients and Organics, and/or Pathogens, and/or Pesticides in Groundwater). This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in this application. NRCS Field Office Technical Guide Standards 360,327,328,393,527,590,391,350,612,635,351. Application must include at least one of the following practices and the primary resource concern to be directly addressed must be listed in Question 1.   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Soil Erosion – (Sheet, rill, wind, classic gully, ephemeral, streambank)- This resource concern will be addressed by implementation of practice(s) included in this application. NRCS Field Office Technical Guide Standards 332,330,340,362,386,410,412,528,329,580,585,600,38 0. Application must include at least one of the following practices and the primary resource concern to be directly addressed must be listed in Question 2.   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Application includes Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (102).  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Will the implementation of the practice(s) in this application address the control of noxious or invasive species? Application must include Brush Management (314), Herbaceous Weed Control (315) or Prescribed Burning (338) and it must be documented that noxious or invasive species are present that will be eradicated or controlled by the practice to receive points.   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. The applicant is only applying in one fund pool for the general EQIP sign-up. If the applicant is applying in more than one fund pool for the general EQIP sign-up, DO NOT answer "YES" for this question. Exceptions Non-BF/SD Applicants: Those with an application in one land use pool may also have an application in the CAP pool and receive these points. BF/SD Applicants: Those with an application in BF or SD fund pools may also have an application in one land use pool and/or the CAP pool and receive these points. Applicants in one of the above categories may apply for an EQIP special initiative or other programs and still receive these points (example: EQIP Organic Initiative and WHIP). | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

#### Local Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions   | Responses   |
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| 1. The application contains conservation practices Nutrient Management (590) AND/OR Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (102) ONLY, and will address a resource concern on site.   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. The applicant has a certified CNMP and practices included in the application are identified in the plan, as needed, and will address a resource concern present on site.   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Does the application address a soil quality, depletion of organic matter resource concern?   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. A ground water and/or surface water quality resource concern; sediment, nutrients, or pesticides is present in the application area per Wisconsin 590 Nutrient management Restriction Maps <a href="http://datcpgis.wi.gov/MMAS/Viewer.aspx?Site=590">http://datcpgis.wi.gov/MMAS/Viewer.aspx?Site=590</a> , and the application includes one practice that will address the water quality resource concern on site. | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. If the application includes practice 313, the applicant does NOT have existing storage that can safely store 30 days or more of manure production at current animal numbers.   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. If the application includes practice 313, will proposed storage length exceed or equal 6 months of storage according to current or planned animal units, whichever is larger in this application   | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. The application contains conservation practices Closure of Waste Impoundments (360) AND/OR Well Decommissioning (351) and will address a resource concern present on site..  | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

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| 8. If the application includes 313, the animal waste index generated by dividing current or planned producer animal units, whichever is larger by the producers non-restricted acres per WI 590 Nutrient Management Restriction Maps ( <a href="http://datcpgis.wi.gov/MMAS/Viewer.aspx?Site=590">http://datcpgis.wi.gov/MMAS/Viewer.aspx?Site=590</a> Over 1.3 equals 20 points             | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. If the application includes 313, the animal waste index generated by dividing current or planned producer animal units, whichever is larger by the producers non-restricted acres per WI 590 Nutrient Management Restriction Maps ( <a href="http://datcpgis.wi.gov/MMAS/Viewer.aspx?Site=590">http://datcpgis.wi.gov/MMAS/Viewer.aspx?Site=590</a> Between 1.29 and 1.0 equals 10 points | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. If the application includes 313, the animal waste index generated by dividing current or planned producer animal units, whichever is larger by the producers non-restricted acres per WI 590 Nutrient Management Restriction Maps ( <a href="http://datcpgis.wi.gov/MMAS/Viewer.aspx?Site=590">http://datcpgis.wi.gov/MMAS/Viewer.aspx?Site=590</a> Below 1.0 equals 5 points            | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

**Land Use:**

| Resource Concerns | Practices |
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**Ranking Score**

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| Efficiency:<br><br>Local Issues:<br><br>State Issues:<br><br>National Issues:<br><br><b>Final Ranking Score:</b> |
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

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| <b>NRCS Representative:</b><br><br><br><b>Signature Date:</b> | <b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b><br><br><br><b>Signature Date:</b> |
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